

Federal Communications Commission

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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

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Amendment of Section 73.622(b),
Table of Allotments,

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Digital Television Broadcast Stations.
(Great Falls, Montana)

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MM Docket No. 00-246
RM-9859

REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: March 31, 2003

Released: April 9, 2003

By the Chief, Video Division:

1. At the request of KRTV Communications, Inc. ("KRTV"), licensee of station KRTV(TV), NTSC channel 3, Great Falls, Montana, the Commission has before it the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 15 FCC Rcd 24581 (2000), proposing the substitution of DTV channel 7 for station KRTV(TV)'s assigned DTV channel **4.4**. KRTV filed comments and reply comments reaffirming its intent to construct and operate station KRTV-DT on channel 7.¹ No other party filed comments.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by substituting DTV channel 7 for DTV channel **44** since it will permit station KRTV(TV) to reduce its building costs while improving the signal coverage in the Great Falls DMA. DTV channel 7 can be allotted to Great Falls, Montana, as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirement of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates 47-32-09 N. and 111-17-02 W. Since the community of Great Falls is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence from the Canadian government was obtained for this allotment. In addition, we find that this channel is acceptable under the 2 percent criterion for *de minimis* impact that is applied in evaluating requests for modification of initial DTV allotments under Section 73.623(c)(2) for Station KRTV-DT with the following specifications:

State & City	DTV Channel	DTV power (kW)	Antenna HAAT (m)	DTV Service Pop. (thous.)
MT Great Falls	7	160	180	91

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED. That effective May 27, 2003, the DTV Table of Allotments, Section 73.622(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

¹ In its petition, KRTV stated that adoption of its proposal would permit KRTV to reduce its build-out and operation costs. KRTV also claimed that operation on the VHF would improve **signal coverage** for its viewers.

CityChannel No.

Great Falls, Montana

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4. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED.** That within **45** days of the effective date of this Order, KRTV Communications, Inc shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (FCC Form 301) specifying DTV Channel **7** in lieu of DTV Channel **44** for station KRTV-DT

5. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED.** That this proceeding IS TERMINATED

6. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202)418-1600.

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